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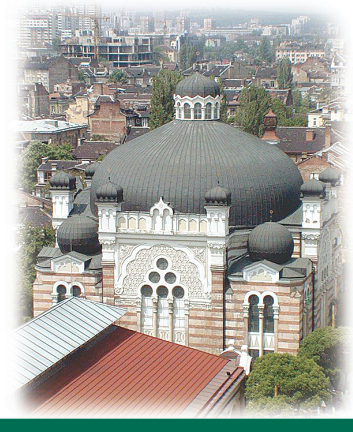

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Rumor of Southern closure angers president

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

College President Julio León wasn't too happy when he heard on the news that Missouri Southern would be closing its doors soon.

Catching the College community off guard, the story slowly circulated throughout the administration and eventually on to students.

It was everywhere. On the local news and in several newspapers scattered throughout Missouri was an eye-opening story about State Rep. Chuck Graham (D-Columbia) and his comments made at a University of Missouri-Columbia Alumni Association forum.

A story appearing in the *Columbia Daily Tribune* in Columbia reported that Graham said "a projected $1 billion budgeted shortfall might force the state to eliminate funding to Missouri Southern State College and Missouri Western State College."

Graham continued in the story saying the two colleges were borderline in terms of what the state could afford to keep open last year. With a more serious budget dilemma this fiscal year, Graham said he didn't know if the state could afford to keep Southern and MWSC open this year.

The day after the stories made headlines throughout the state, Graham was quick to respond to the stories regarding his strong statements.

"AP (Associated Press) got it wrong," Graham said.

Graham, a democrat, serving Missouri's 24th District, said a majority of his comments were taken out of context.

"If the republican majority is serious about cutting $1 billion...bad things will happen," he said. "You can't cut $1 billion and not touch education."

Regardless if the information was false, León was upset about the comments.

"I was angry," León said. "He did not have to name institutions when talking about budget cuts."

León thought Graham was possibly trying to ease budget concerns for the major university in his district, the

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PROVINCE PEDALERS

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Cubans pedal through the streets of Viñales, a small town in the eastern province of Pinar del Río, Cuba. Several years ago Castro imported more than a million bicycles from China to help his people get around by pedal power. On Jan. 22 Missouri Southern Announced the fall Cuba semester. For more about Cuba, see page 12A.

Questions surround coach's resignation

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

The departure of Ron Faubion, former head softball coach, has left many people at a loss as to why he was asked to resign.

In a private meeting Nov. 26 between Sallie Beard, athletic director; Debbie Dutch Kelly, director of human resources; and Faubion, Beard asked him to resign.

Ron Faubion
Former Head Softball Coach

"The gist of the conversation [during the meeting] was that things were not working out," Kelly said. "In general, both Ms. Beard and Coach Faubion stated it wasn't a good fit for Missouri Southern."

Faubion said in some ways he agrees that he may not have been a "good fit" for Southern.

"What 'fit' means, I don't know," he said. "If it pertains to social activities, those types of things, no, I'm not a good fit. I don't get too involved socially. If fit means a different type of coaching style, yes, I have a different type of coaching style than most the coaches here. They knew what type of style I had coming in here."

As a coach and instructor, he said he felt like he was doing what was asked of him.

"In terms of what he expects and what Missouri Southern expects, they're two different sets of expectations," Beard said.

Faubion said, specifically, Beard asked him to resign because he did not attend a 1992 Hall of Fame banquet during Homecoming week and he did not keep at least 10 office hours each week.

He said he did not know the banquet was a major issue, and he thinks he

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Board of Regents gets clean audit during meeting

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

The Board of Regents received a positive audit report at its meeting Jan. 17.

Chris Churchwell from Mense, Churchwell and Mense PC Accounting Firm presented the report for the year ended June 30, 2002. Although Missouri Southern is operating at a loss, Churchwell said all state colleges are experiencing the same problem. He said he has a "clean opinion" of the College's audit.

The College's total net assets, the difference between assets and liabilities, were $54,739,929 in 2002. This was a decrease of $744, 600.

Churchwell said most of these losses took place the last two months of the year when the state implemented budget cuts and withholdings.

College President Julio León discussed the fate of this year's budget. He said Gov. Bob Holden, during his State of the State address, presented a state budget that will be nearly $400 million in the hole.

Although Holden is expecting to hold $67 million from various state agencies, he has decided to spare higher education.

"He's determined to make sure we will not suffer withholdings like last year," León said.

León also addressed the rumor that Southern could possibly be shut down. He said these comments are isolated, and in the 20 years he has been president at Southern, León has never seen any state institution in the country closed.

"To even think of closing one institution is preposterous," he said. "This college is here to stay."

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Institute announces Cuba Semester

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

At a media luncheon on Jan. 22, Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, announced Cuba would be the focus of the fall 2003 semester.

"Cuba is the only communist country in the Western hemisphere," Stebbins said. "It's only 90 miles from the coast of Florida, yet it is a mysterious country that we know very little about."

U.S. policy toward Cuba is softening, and the embargo on U.S. companies trading with Cuba, first imposed in 1962, is weakening.

Sales of food and medicine were allowed in 2000, and the first food shipment included corn from Missouri. After 44 years under communist rule, Cuba is on the brink of change. Fidel Castro, whose forces swept into Havana in January 1959, is 76 years old and in failing health.

"When Castro dies, some eminent changes will take place," said College President Julio León. "Fidel Castro dominates all aspects of society.

"Cuba is just a few miles from Miami, yet because of the political system and the economic system that they have, they might as well be on the other side of the world. To me it is fascinating.

"Here you have a small island that has become such a center of attention because of what has happened there over the years."

León said he started focusing on Cuba after a group of students traveled there during spring break 2002, with Dr. Larry Cebula, associate professor of history, and Dr. David Locher, associate professor of sociology.

"I rely on current events and suggestions from faculty members when deciding on a country or region to focus on," León said.

"I look at a country or region of the world that is relevant and in the news. But at the same time, you want to dedicate a semester to an area that will provide broad academic participation. Some place with an impact, important to all areas of study."

Theme semesters were implemented to give students a better understanding and awareness of a country or region of the world.

Kasey Hoffman, a student in the class Castro's Cuba that was team taught by Cebula and Locher, attended the Cuba trip during spring break 2002.

Hoffman said despite reading books and attending lectures prior to her trip, she still didn't know what to fully expect.

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Jessica Firor/The Chart

Rod Surber, director of public information, and Dr. David Locher, associate professor of sociology, discuss the Cuban Semester during the media luncheon Jan. 22.

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 51
Low: 26

SUNDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 45
Low: 30

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ONLINE

Check out the new Web design of The Chart, in partnership with College Publisher, at www.thechartonline.com

Senate leaves mark, names College roads

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

It is official — the roads on campus have been named and the signs have been ordered.

"We should take pride in making our campus better," said Stacey Allen, Student Senate secretary.

"The mark we are leaving will be around for a long time," said John Smith, sophomore senator.

Senate had approached the administration in years past to get the campus streets named, but were unable to do so.

"I talked to President León in late September, and he had some concerns," said Zack Odem, Senate president. "He didn't want the names to cause controversy or people to get upset.

"I think this (naming the streets) will increase school spirit and pride in Southern. It's a beautification project with practical benefits. This shows a lot of trust and respect from them (the administration) toward us."

Senate is considering allocating funding to go toward the street signs. The cost is estimated at $1,200-$1,300,

"I would recommend $1,000," Odem said, "because that's what we would give to fund a group or organization."

Including Duquesne and Newman roads, 13 roads will be getting signs. Student Senate proposed the names for administration to approve. Street names are: Green and Gold Boulevard, Southern View Drive, Mission Hills Drive, Lion Pride Lane, University Parkway, International Avenue, Victory Lane, Stadium Drive, Lantern Drive, Julie Hughs Drive and Mansion Drive.

Southern Drive and Scenic Drive were names proposed but rejected by the administration.

Scenic Drive could not be used because a street in Joplin has that name, and since the names will be listed with the 911 service, problems could arise.

Southern Drive was passed over to name a road for former Southern faculty member Julie Hughs. Hughs retired from the social science department.

"She was a very well-respected faculty member," Odem said. "The street was named after her at President León's discretion. I understand she was very active when Southern was becoming a four-year institution as well as being active with the alumni association."

When the administration gave the Senate the rules for street names, it stipulated not to name the streets after people.

"She obviously had a big impact on the school," Smith said.

"In the past, Student Senate hasn't done something as visible. I'm proud that we have had the ability to leave our mark on Missouri Southern," said Andrew McGowan, Senate treasurer.

The College can change the name of a street in the future.

Not enough senators were present for a quorum, causing voting to be tabled until next week's meeting.

Quorum requires 17 senators, not including officers, to be present. Sixteen were in attendance.

Since senate could not have a quorum, the attending senators made announcements and went over reports.

Allen replaced Odem as student representative for the Board of Regents.

"They (the Board) asked for another applicant to be sent in along with Zack's," she said.

McGowan, reported Senate has $10,650 left to allocate. Senate has not received the budget for the spring semester.

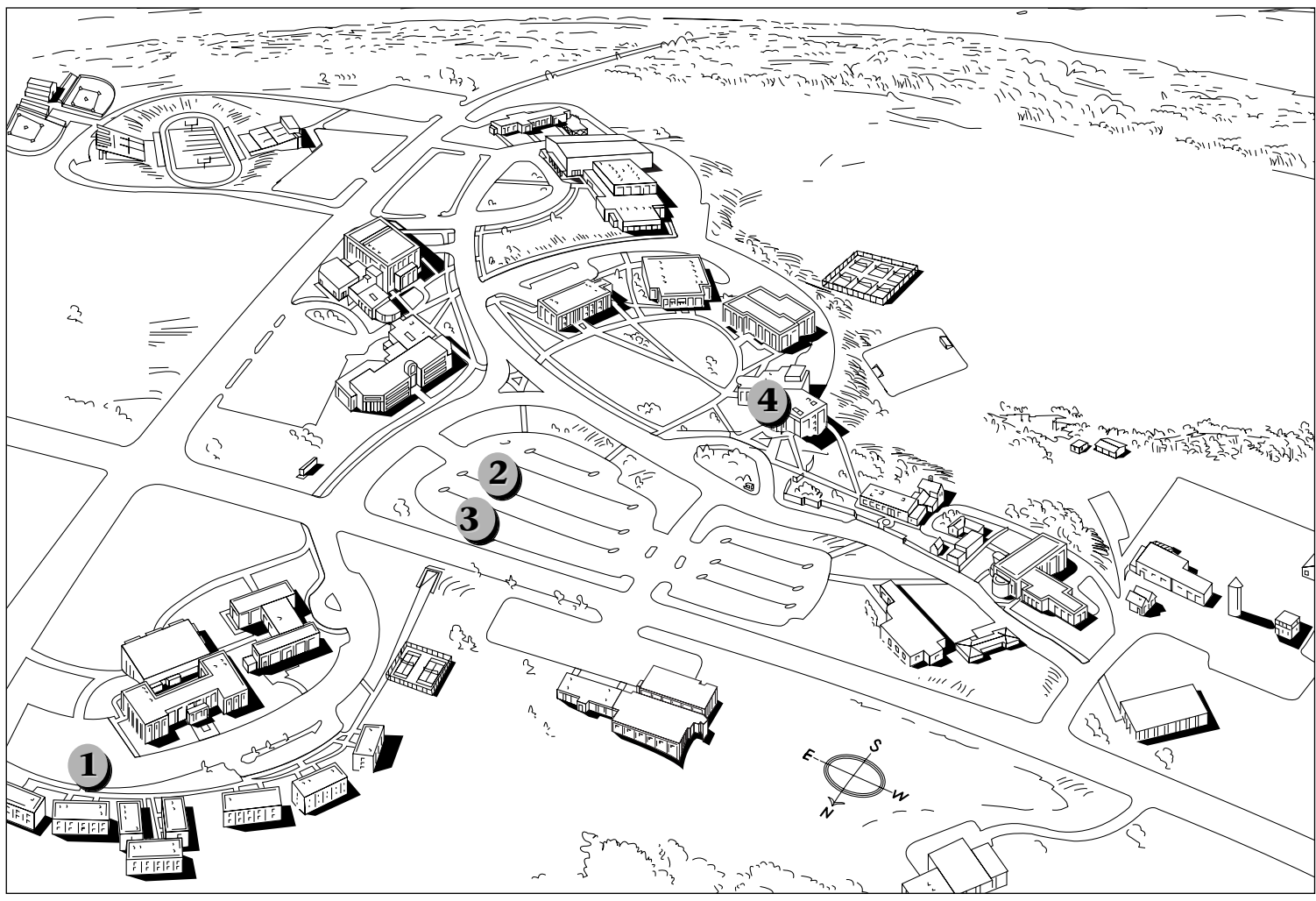
The stoplights on Newman and Duquesne roads were also discussed.

"We're waiting on MoDOT to paint the lines so we can turn on the stoplight," Odem said.

"The light by the stadium is either on schedule or ahead of schedule to my understanding. Those lines are to be painted by the city, and they're usually quicker to get things done."

A comment by State Rep. Chuck Graham (D-Columbia) about closing Southern made its way into Senate.

"It's not going to happen," Odem said. "It's never going to happen. We are not going to shut our doors. But you're all free to write letters and make phone calls to Jefferson City."



Battery explodes in air handler room of Billingsly

1 Stolen Property

01/13/2003

8:45 a.m.

A member of the grounds crew contacted security after seeing a black 1998 Chevy with one of its side windows broken out and glass scattered across the ground.

Security was able to contact the owner of the truck, who said his wallet, checkbook and speakers were missing from the vehicle.

The victim contacted the Joplin Police Department, which took a report on the incident.

2 Vandalism

01/14/2003

4:10 p.m.

Security was contacted in response to a parked car, which had been keyed. The victim said she had parked her car at 8:30 a.m., and when she came back at 3 p.m., there was a scratch mark across the front left fender.

Security advised the victim to contact the Joplin Police Department.

3 Injured Person

01/16/2003

3:30 p.m.

A female victim contacted security saying she had slipped and fallen on the ice while returning to her vehicle, fracturing her ring finger.

She was taken to Freeman Health System where she received 15 stitches.

4 Hazardous Materials

01/20/2003

9:48 a.m.

Mechanical Maintenance contacted the security office regarding a battery that had exploded in the Billingsly Student Center, Room 115. Security used a compound to neutralize the acid and sealed the battery in a plastic bag.

Security contacted Battery Outfitters, who agreed to dispose of the battery for no charge.

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Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Mostly Cloudy — High: 39 Low: 24
Saturday — Partly Cloudy — High: 51 Low: 26
Sunday — Mostly Cloudy — High: 45 Low: 30
Monday — Partly Cloudy — High: 44 Low: 32
Tuesday — Sunny — High: 41 Low: 31
Wednesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 43 Low: 34
Thursday — Cloudy — High: 45 Low: 33

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	38	30	42/23	0.00"
Tuesday	39	25	42/23	0.00"
Wednesday	43	22	42/23	0.00"
Thursday	35	14	42/23	0.12"
Friday	18	6	42/23	0.00"
Saturday	35	11	42/23	Trace
Sunday	56	19	42/23	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....0.12"
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.39"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.27"
Precipitation for the year .....0.25"
Normal precipitation year to date .....1.13"
Departure from normal for the year ...-0.88"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

An upper level area of low pressure will bring mostly cloudy skies across the campus today. High pressure will be in control of the weather Saturday, producing partly cloudy skies and this will be a fantastic opportunity to schedule recreational activities. A trough of low pressure will bring mostly cloudy skies back into the forecast Sunday. Pleasant weather conditions will take hold early next week due to another area of high pressure. High temperatures will top out in the upper 30s to the 50s. Lows will dip into the 20s and 30s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 1/25 — New 2/1 — First 2/9 — Full 2/16

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:26 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	None	11:23 a.m.
Sat	7:25 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	12:43 a.m.	11:54 a.m.
Sun	7:25 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	1:54 a.m.	12:29 p.m.
Mon	7:24 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	3:05 a.m.	1:09 p.m.
Tue	7:24 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	4:14 a.m.	1:56 p.m.
Wed	7:23 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	5:21 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Thu	7:22 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	6:20 a.m.	3:51 p.m.

Weather Trivia

What time does the low temperature for the day usually occur? ?

Answer: Just after sunrise.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2003	2002	Normal
Jan	0.25	3.09	1.74
Feb	------	0.72	2.12
Mar	------	2.65	3.10
Apr	------	4.10	4.10
May	------	13.60	4.96
Jun	------	4.71	5.07
Jul	------	4.87	3.73
Aug	------	1.14	3.58
Sep	------	1.64	4.97
Oct	------	2.30	3.50
Nov	------	0.56	3.18
Dec	------	2.10	2.54
Total	**0.25**	**41.48**	**42.59**

All precipitation is in inches

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Weather History

Jan. 23, 1988 - Northeastern Colorado experienced its most severe windstorm in years. A wind gust to 92 mph was recorded at Boulder, Colo. before the anemometer blew away. In the mountains, a gust to 120 mph was reported at Mines Peak.

National Weather Summary This Week

A strong area of high pressure will be in control of the weather across the eastern United States to end this week. This will result in temperatures once again being well below normal for this time of year. An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will move into the Pacific Northwest this weekend. Widespread rain will occur along the immediate coastline. The precipitation will change over into a wintry mix across the higher inland elevations. A trough of low pressure will slide through the northeastern United States late this weekend. Scattered snow showers will occur from the Great Lakes region through the New England states. An area of low pressure with an extending cold front will make its way into the eastern United States by the middle of next week.

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AUDITION LOCATIONS

KANSAS CITY, MO
Sunday, February 9
Park Place Hotel
(Off Front St. at I-435)
Registration: 9 – 1

LINCOLN, NE
Wednesday, February 5
University of Nebraska
NE Union – Ballroom
Registration: 3 – 5

WARRENSBURG, MO
Tuesday, February 4
CMSU
Union – Ballroom
Registration: 3 – 5

LAWRENCE, KS
Monday, February 10
Kansas University
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Registration: 3 – 5

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A Dish for Diversity

MLK event serves breakfast, lively talk on King

PHILIP RYCHCIK
Staff Writer

A crowd of more than 50 guests, students and faculty assembled on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center Jan. 20 to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Attendees were welcomed by College President Julio Léon, and Issac Edwards, youth minister at First Presbyterian Church, gave an invocation. Dr. Pat Kluthe, director of the honors program, spoke following the breakfast; Mark Lloyd, admissions counselor offered reflections; and was followed by Alonzo Toney, a student at Joplin High School.

Toney was contacted by the president of a local NAACP chapter to read one of King's speeches at the event. Toney chose the final speech the civil rights leader gave before he was assassinated in Memphis.

"I'm involved in speech and debate and tried to find a speech that was touching," Toney said.

Toney's mother and sister, who also attended, had heard him present speeches by King on other occasions but were moved by the speech.

"I'm very proud of Alonzo," said Malina Chandler, a fourth grader at Cecil Floyd Elementary School.

Their mother, Regina Gentry, expressed her pride in Toney as well. She found it important to recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day for all King did for the people of the world.

"They need to observe that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. opened doors for people as a whole," she said, "but the struggle is still continuing."

Dr. Al Cade, assistant to the dean of education, has overseen the event for a few years now and holds King in high regard.

Likening him to Ghandi, Cade considers King a transformational leader who can be admired for his sense of justice, ethical leadership and character. Cade views Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday that all students should examine thoughtfully.

"To really celebrate the day, get into the mind of Dr. King, read some of his speeches," Cade said.

The event ended with all in attendance rising from their seats to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson.

A benediction was given by Rev. Harry Givens of Unity Baptist Church, and the attendees were dismissed to "remember, celebrate and act" on the legacy of King.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Gracie Smith, of Miami, Okla., was one of many local residents who participated in the Martin Luther King Jr., breakfast Jan. 20 in Billingsly Student Center Monday morning. College President Julio León attended the event as well as several local church representatives.

Students will continue attending classes on holiday

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Students looking ahead at their calendars next year can expect the same answer to whether or not Missouri Southern will close for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday: No.

"What is the purpose of the day?" said Dr. Al Cade, assistant to the dean of the school of education. "I don't think it's a day to sleep."

Cade, like many administrators, thinks students would not use the day to celebrate and reflect on King's legacy with social justice.

"People all the time tell me...'I can't believe we don't have the day off,'" Cade said.

But then he asks the person, "Well, what would you do then?"

Cade, who is African-American, believes it's best for Southern to remain open for the holiday. He does, however, think there's a better way to observe the day.

"People that truly know me as a person, they understand where I'm coming from," he said. "If we had it Dr. King's way, we would spend the day with a variety of sessions on social justice, equality and diversity."

For seven years, Cade has helped coordinate the annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast, an event with a variety of discussion that helps honor King. Last year, along with the breakfast, Cade orchestrated a roundtable discussion open to students, Southern employees and the community.

He had a variety of diverse speakers ready to speak on equality, King and the future of social justice.

Only problem, however, was the number in attendance. Ten people showed.

"It's difficult to have a roundtable when there's more people at the table than the audience," he said. "We were shocked and sad."

College President Julio León said Southern's reasoning behind the matter of closing the campus has nothing to do with preserving Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"We appreciate what he means and what he did," León said. "But altogether we are here for one purpose: go to school and learn."

León said it's important for Southern to follow its mission and boast its academic calendar, a calendar in which León said is one of the strongest in the state.

"We wanted to extend the number of hours our students are in school," he said.

While León said the College is committed to its usual academic calendar for several years, he didn't rule out the possibility that Southern could close for the holiday.

And that's what some students want.

"We take days off for other federal holidays," said Amber Brown, junior psychology major. "I think we should have the day off."

Brown, an African-American student, is pleased, however, that Southern is holding events honoring King.

"I'm glad they are recognizing more activities," she said.

And more activities on the holiday is exactly what Cade wants. But first and foremost, there has to be more interest from the campus community.

While working at Northwest Missouri and the University of Minnesota, Cade remembers how the schools would hold sessions on diversity and King.

"You couldn't find a seat," he said.

Cade has been asked whether or not the evening roundtable will ever return to Southern.

"Well, no, if no one is going to come," he said.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Police interview students caught in a seven-car wreck at the intersection of Duquesne and Newman Roads. No injuries were reported and no ambulance was called to the scene. Some students think the College should have closed down due the inclimate weather.

Slick roads, snow cause seven-car wreck

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Seven cars found themselves in a fix the morning of Jan. 16 as they couldn't help sliding on the pavement.

On the corner of Duquense and Newman roads, the ice caused several cars to receive fender benders.

In her green Contour, Heather Asbell, sophomore education major, was on her way to class from Carthage when she noticed a white car sitting on top the embankment by the traffic light. She said she decided to slow down, but her tires would only spin.

"It was just pure ice," she said.

As she tried to stop, she over corrected and slid into the ditch. A white 4x4 pickup couldn't stop either and hit Asbell's vehicle as it also slid off the road.

Travis Housh, junior business major, was the driver of the pickup. He is also from Carthage and was on his way to class when he found himself in the middle of a pileup. He said a green Explorer slammed into his bumper and another car hit him in the side.

Asbell said it was weird to watch the three cars around her all start colliding. The action wasn't over yet. Not long after the initial accident, a red two-door car and a Camaro ran into each other and also ended up in the ditch.

Housh said no one was injured and no ambulance was called, but three police cars did come to the scene.

He said he used to be of the opinion that "you should be your own judge" when it comes to driving in bad weather. However, after sustaining an estimated $5,500 in damage to his truck because of the icy road, he now thinks the College should either close class or be more lenient on those who can't make it.

Asbell said many other schools in the area closed on Thursday, and she doesn't understand why Southern stayed open.

"I think it would give 'em some hint that maybe they should be closed," she said.

"Whoever makes the decision to cancel classes should take it into deeper consideration."

Housh agreed and noted the large number of commuters who go to the College. Southern should "think about it more" when it comes to canceling class in icy weather, he said.

Justin Cleaveland, sophomore education major, doesn't think the College should have canceled class on Jan. 16, but last semester when the weather was worse, he thinks it "absolutely" should have closed.

"I think they'll wait for someone to get hurt before they do anything," he said.

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>
> **Heather Asbell**
> *Sophomore Education Major*

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Honor Society group searches for donations for V-Day project

Phi Eta Sigma, the Missouri Southern Freshman Honor Society, is looking to organize a project for the Lafayette House for Valentine's Day.

The Lafayette House is an organization for individuals to leave violent and abusive domestic situations. Valentine's is especially hard on those getting out of these situations and for their children.

Phi Eta Sigma is asking for financial donations to help with this project.

For information, persons may contact Melissa Locher at 625-9516

Campus Recreation Program begins day for early birds

The Student Life Center is now opening its doors at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday for students wishing to get an early morning workout in before class.

In the works is the Faculty/Staff Health Fair that will be held Feb. 25-27. Information packets will begin circulating in campus e-mail toward the end of January.

For information, persons may call 625-9392

Student Nurse's Association searching for blood donors

The Student Nurse's Association is sponsoring a blood drive with the Community Blood Bank this fall. The drive is scheduled for March 3 in the Billingsly Student Center. For information, persons may call Cathy Cole at 625-9629.

Disability Services asking help from campus in classrooms

Disability Services is asking the campus to watch the moving of ADA tables and chairs from room to room.

Even though a table and chair may not be in use during one hour, Disability Services is asking everyone to keep the chairs and tables in the room.

Editor's Column

Hispanics shoulder hardships, racism

Allison Rosewicz
Editor-in-Chief

With the passing of Martin Luther King Jr. Day this week, I began thinking about racism in this country. Does it still exist?

Although the United States has taken great strides in the past four decades regarding civil rights, I came to the conclusion that sadly, racism is still a problem. In this region of the nation, one ethnic group in particular — Hispanics — seems to be especially discriminated against.

I have grown up in this area my entire life, and unfortunately, I have been sickened most of my life by the amount of racism here. With the influx of Hispanic immigrants, namely Mexicans, in the last decade, I have also noticed an increase in prejudice against them. The Latino population in Missouri alone has increased 92 percent over the last 10 years. Although this state ranked only 24th in total Mexican population in 2000 with 77,887, that population had increased 103.5 percent since 1990 according to the Inter-University Program for Latino Research. With this rise in population, an increase in racism has also occurred. People complain that Mexicans are taking all our jobs; they aren't educated; they are in the United States, so they should always speak our language; they are border-jumpers who don't belong here and should stay in their own country. I won't even mention the racial slurs.

My arguments against these complaints have always been the same:

•If someone wants that job instead, that person should try harder to get that job instead of sitting around complaining.

•According to a business Web site from St. Louis Community College, more than the majority of Mexicans in the United States have a high school diploma.

•While Mexicans are required to learn English by immigration laws, they do not have to speak English all the time because, as many people are unaware, the United States does not have an official language.

•Some Mexicans do cross the border illegally, but most enter this country the proper way. And I don't believe anyone who says they wouldn't leave one country to come to another that offers a better life for them and their family.

•For anyone who uses racial slurs, they are simply uneducated themselves. In fact, Mexicans are helping, not hurting, our country by stimulating the economy. According to The American Immigration Law Foundation, the Mexican workforce played a vital role in helping the U.S. unemployment rate fall from 6.3 percent in 1990 to 3.9 in 2000. Mexican immigrants were 2 percent of the labor force in 1990. That figure doubled by 2000 to 4 percent. Obviously, the racism against Mexican immigrants lacks validity. In fact, racism is wrong, period.

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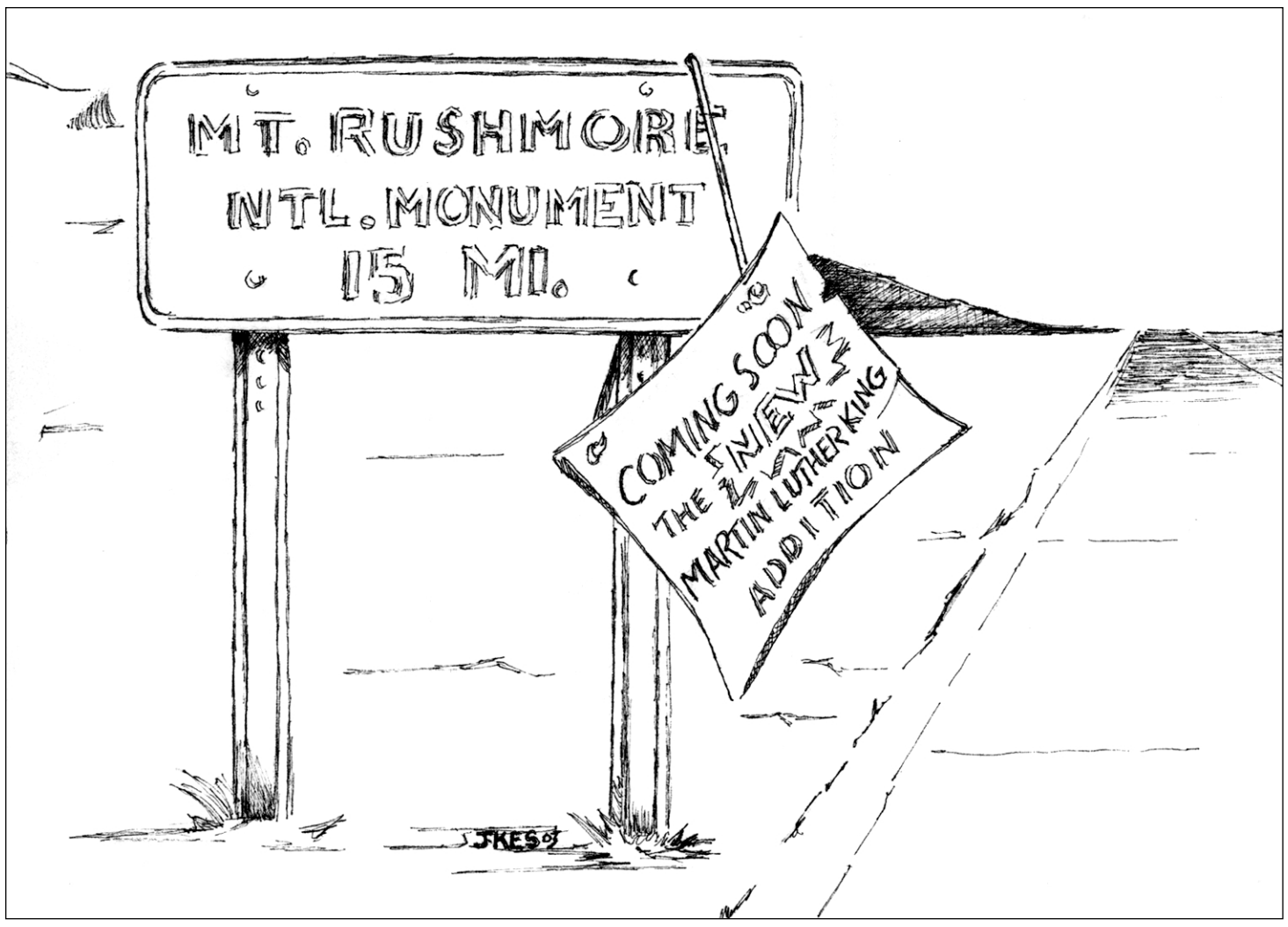


Hero's commemoration weak

Chart Opinion

A hero's birthday celebration passed this week, and Missouri Southern barely seemed to notice.

Martin Luther King Jr. did more for civil rights in this nation than possibly any other person, yet the College does little in comparison to others to commemorate him. With an international mission, one would think Southern would do more to celebrate the life of such an incredible person.

The College does host an annual breakfast in King's honor, and it is always very respectful. But at 7 a.m., few students are willing to attend. Southern Impact sponsored a moving ceremony around the flagpole at noon Jan. 20. But it still is not enough.

The biggest concern is what we do not do to remember King. Of the eight schools out of 10 in the MIAA that had started classes by Jan. 20, Southern was the only one that did not cancel classes. And this is an every-year occurrence.

Complaints arise across campus each year because classes are never canceled on this holiday. Yet each year, students continue to find themselves sitting in the classroom on the third Monday of January.

Whether canceling classes is the correct way to honor King is questionable, but Southern should at least realize that this is exactly what the majority of other colleges do. We could also learn a little bit from the way other colleges celebrate the holiday.

Take Central Missouri State University, for example. That college begins the celebration the night before with a special church service in King's honor. And of course, Central does not hold classes the next day. Still, special activities occur throughout the holiday.

People can take freedom ride buses to Kansas City, students make performances at local schools, a gospel choir performs, and the day is capped off with a scholarship dinner.

Southern's celebration seems pretty weak in comparison.

Campus Voice

How should Southern observe MLK Day?

"I think we should remember him by taking the time to look at rights and equalities, and appreciate his thoughts and opinions, and what they've done for this country."

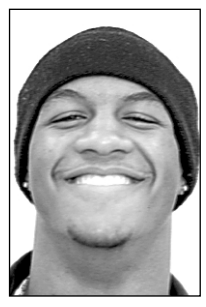
Jason Clark
Freshman
Biology
Major

"I think it should be remembered by going over what all civil rights activists did to help equality between all people."

Erica Mattice
Junior
Education
Major

"I think we should have the day off from school and have different activities all over campus to reflect on Dr. King's life and philosophies."

Amy Kihemia
Senior
Business / German
Major



"I think we should have no school and have a big Martin Luther King Jr. party."

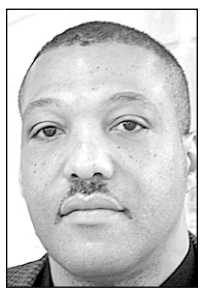
Demarcus Mathes
Sophomore
Physical Education
Major

"No school."

Sabrina Archie
Freshman
Nursing
Major

In Perspective

'I truly recognized my existence as an African-American'



Dr. Al Cade
Assistant to
Dean of Education

The significance of this day to 'Remember-Celebrate-Act', and the lasting legacy of Dr. King in my personal development.

I came to understand the significance of this holiday early in life, that day in April of 1968, when an assassin's bullet took the life of Dr. King.

In my house and community, that day was marked by extreme sadness, divisiveness, and darkness. In a sense . . . it was the day I lost my innocence and truly recognized my existence as an African-American.

I came to question my existence in a country . . . sharply divided by race, religion, ideology, and economics.

For this reason, I today find myself exploring these four words and their influence in the arena of social justice.

I recall after returning to school, following a period of civil unrest, my teacher removed some of the common bulletin board material in reference to our country.

This further caused me to question things, including schools and education.

I recall my teacher looking at the class in a very deep and solemn fashion, and I wondered . . . What is it that she is seeing?

Was my teacher fearful of the future we were destined to?

Was my teacher questioning what type of world for which she was preparing us?

Was she too questioning our fate in a country marked by race, religion, ideology, and economic division?

Following years of personal reflection . . . I now know what was troubling my teacher that day.

She was losing hope of a new tomorrow. A tomorrow in which all people can prosper as citizens in the largest, most powerful democratic country in the world.

Dr. King once said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."

My favorite teacher was losing hope. The hope of a tomorrow, free of hatred, bigotry, and injustice.

While progress has been made, we have faced, and will continue to encounter barriers along the path toward racial peace and unity.

We must never lose hope of the future that Dr. King envisioned for all Americans.

Dr. King was quoted as saying, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige, and even his life for the welfare of others. In dangerous valleys and hazardous pathways, he will lift some bruised and beaten brother to a higher and more noble life."

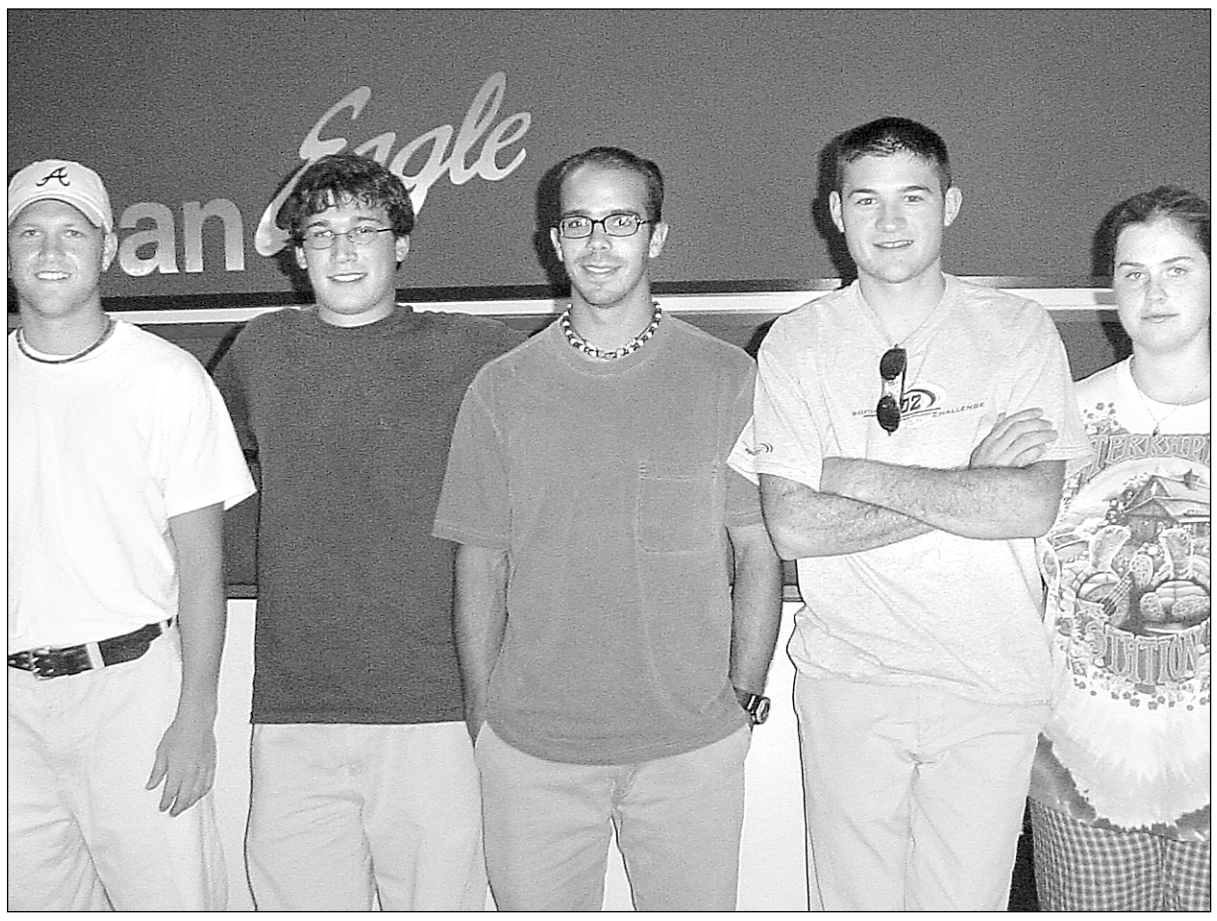
The question for all of us . . . Where do we choose to stand?

On the side of justice or injustice, nonviolence or violence, tolerance or intolerance, and choose instead to speak truth to power.

South of the Equator

Trip to Chile helps students learn Spanish

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor



Special to The Chart.

Five Missouri Southern students, Josh Wardlow, junior education major; Nick Barnett, senior marketing major; Eric Atkinson, senior communications major; Seth Vannaman, senior CIS major; and Crystal Dunfield, a 2002 CIS graduate, went to Chile to study at the Universidad de las Americas last fall.

When the weather in Missouri turns cold, South America might be the ideal spot to go.

That's what five Missouri Southern students decided to do last fall when they boarded a plane headed for Chile.

They spent the whole semester studying at the Universidad de las Americas.

Every fall, the school of business sends a few Southern students to Chile so some Chilean students can study at the College through the bilateral exchange program.

Southern students said the Chilean university was different from Southern in more ways than one. Seth Vannaman, senior CIS major, said it's commonplace for students to be smoking or talking on cell phones during class.

Crystal Dunfield, a 2002 CIS graduate, said neither the students nor the professors were punctual when it came to class time.

"It's not unusual for your teacher to be 30 minutes late or just not show up at all," she said.

"It's a lot more laid back than Southern," Vannaman said.

The differences didn't stop there, because the major change they had to get used to was the language. All the classes were taught in Spanish. Vannaman said it was hard to get used to at first, but he eventually caught on.

"I think the only way to really get a good grasp [of the language] is to spend four months down there," he said.

Dunfield stayed with a host family that didn't speak English.

"It forced me to learn," she said. "I probably learned four years of Spanish in four months."

She said the family was patient with her, and she enjoyed her time with them. When it came to Spanish in the classroom, however, Dunfield said it was quite a "humbling" experience. She was used to getting really good grades in class, but with the language barrier, she couldn't do so well.

She said it was difficult because people tend to label you as "stupid" if you don't do as well as them in class.

Both Dunfield and Vannaman agreed the trip was a good experience.

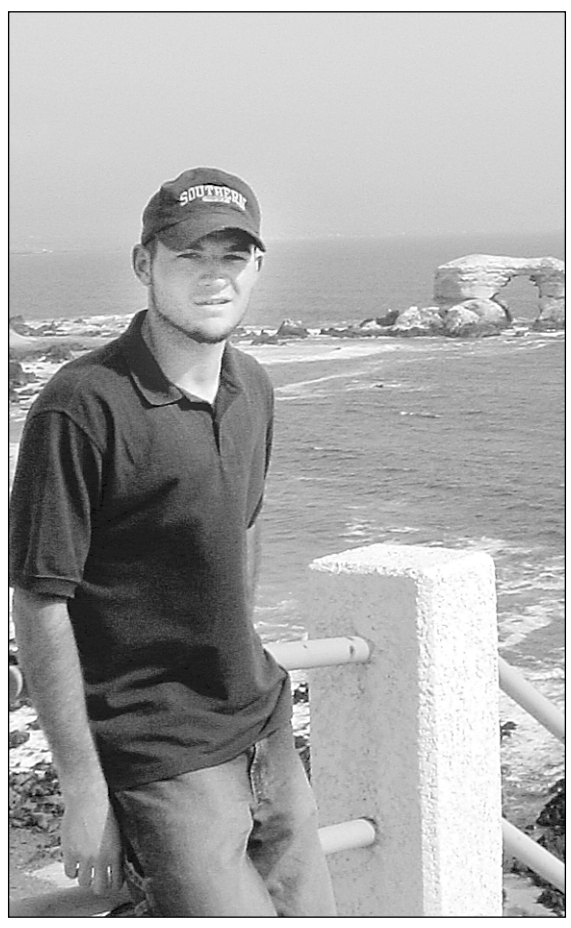
"I definitely recommend this trip," Dunfield said. "I think learning another language is one of the most important things that you can do and definitely the coolest thing I've ever done."

The five Southern students were also able to go sightseeing while they were in Chile, and some went to Argentina. Experiencing the food was also part of the trip.

Vannaman said he thought a lot of the food was sort of bland, but it was interesting that the Chileans seemed to eat mayonnaise with everything.

"Part of the purpose of these programs, to support the mission, is so they can come back and basically spread the word and share their experiences with other people," said Dr. John Lewis, associate professor of business.

Lewis said the trip to Chile is available to any Southern sophomore or junior who is proficient in Spanish.



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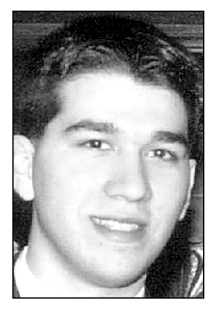
During one of his excursions in Chile, Vannaman went to see Antofagasta, a country landmark.

School enforces difficult check-in



Jeremy Goins
Senior Biology Major

I arrived in Paris to study at the internationally known University of Sorbonne. At first, I was not impressed with anything about the Sorbonne, save its gorgeous building.

Bureaucratic paperwork and lots of long lines were the Sorbonne's way of enrollment. It required that I arrive two weeks early to enroll, when two days would have sufficed. On the first day of the process, I waited in an oversized auditorium-style room for two and a half hours until my number was called, "114, *s'il vous plait*." Less than five minutes later I had a slip of paper saying basically, "You need this slip to enroll. Return in two days."

Two days later I waited an hour and a half in a long line to enroll, which was to give my name, date of birth, nationality and address in Paris. I thought I was going to pay there too, because this process only took a few minutes, but I was directed to another hour and a half long line to pay.

After paying, along with a receipt, I received another slip saying, "You need this slip for placement. Return in two days." Two days later I returned to yet another line, both before and after the placement test. After the test I received another slip of paper that said, "Return in a week and a half to get your class schedule."

A week and a half! That was four days later than the preregistration papers said we would start!

It wasn't just the ridiculously overdone process that bothered me, but more so the way I was treated.

For example, the security guards wouldn't let the international students in the building until exactly 1 p.m., when it was obviously open and others were allowed in. Was it too much to ask to wait inside?

Another example is when I asked the lady giving us our schedules where to buy tickets for the student cafeteria, because at Southern the tickets are not bought in the student cafeteria. She told me rudely, "Ask your professor please, Bye!"

Now that I know the answer is "the student cafeteria," which is just as easy to say and much more helpful, I can only hope that she didn't know.

Then the first day of class finally arrived, but four days later than scheduled. I was scared that the university was just a name, or perhaps it was only the language program that was not worthwhile! That has not been the case.

The saving grace to this overhyped university is my absolutely wonderful professor, Mrs. Kessler. Fluent in French history, culture and language, she has been able to teach my class of 28 for five hours every day.

She can explain the complex grammatical rules in the morning, keep us interested and awake in the afternoon and still make sure everyone participates and is understanding. For five hours of one course, this is no easy feat.

So the questions is: two months into the course, has The Sorbonne lived up to its name?

My answer: Only if every professor is like Mrs. Kessler. *Goins traveled to Paris last semester to study at the University of Sorbonne.*

CONTEMPLATING CUBA

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A tourist sits on the steps of Cuba's capitol building in Havana. Tourism is Cuba's largest source of income. Under U.S. legislation, travel to Cuba is limited to people with relatives, students, educators and such professionals as journalists, doctors and athletes. Most tourists in Cuba are European or Canadian. On Jan. 22, Missouri Southern announced that fall 2003 will be the Cuba Semester.

New tracking program limits Internet classes, helps organize records

BY CRAIG JONES
Staff Writer

A new system for tracking certain information about its international students has been implemented at Missouri Southern.

The Student Exchange and Visitor Information Service has been in development since the mid-1990s. The system was a response to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which was aided by a man who entered the United States on a student visa to study at Wichita State University. He never showed up.

Originally slated for implementation by 2000 and then scrapped, the Patriot Act of 2001 mandated adoption of the SEVIS protocols nationwide by Jan. 30, 2003.

SEVIS specifies all schools enrolling international students must collect and submit to the Immigration and Naturalization Service certain information about those students via an online system. The kind of information required includes enrollment status, current address and the start date of the student's next term of study.

Designated school officials, known as DSOs, are also required to report any changes in this information in a timely manner. The DSO logs the information into online forms at the SEVIS Web site, administered by the INS.

"On the old paper-based system, colleges were to collect information, but did not turn it in unless asked," said Dr. Betsy Griffin, vice president for academic affairs and DSO.

Griffin said a new rule for this semester limits international students to only one Internet or televised course per semester.

Griffin said some students might be a little worried about privacy and the presence of their information on the Internet.

"I'm sure there's some concern about the INS getting more of their information," she said. "They make the students feel like they're being policed more."

Stephanie Goad, international student adviser and exchange coordinator, is optimistic about the new system.

"I think it's going to be beneficial because it's less paperwork," she said. "The students love it."

Goad said the biggest change with SEVIS is the amount of responsibility given to the institutions.

"It has placed more of a burden on the schools and the DSOs," she said. "We're acting as an arm of the INS."

Goad said students who fail to supply school officials with pertinent information, or fail to show up at all, will be considered to be "out of status."

A student who falls out of status must apply to the INS for reinstatement and can be denied reentry into the country for up to 10 years.

Goad also said a student who has been denied reinstatement has no recourse for appealing the decision.

She said the SEVIS Web site has an alert system to help DSOs stay on top of potential "out of status" situations.

"The alert system helps us to be more efficient," she said. "If a student is at risk of falling out of status, I will notify them."

The Laramie Project

New play portrays real citizens, true events

By Landon Fry
Staff Writer

Oct. 6, 1998: two boys, Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney, kidnap and beat 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, a homosexual University of Wyoming student, to death on the outskirts of Laramie.

Later that year, nine members of the Tectonic Theater Project, along with Moisés Kaufman, begin a series of more than 200 interviews with the citizens of Laramie.

The Missouri Southern theatre department is now presenting the product of the Tectonic Theater Project's six trips to Laramie. *The Laramie Project*, which has been running since Jan. 21, will close with performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Black Box Theatre.

The characters in *The Laramie Project* are not works of fiction but actual people living in the town of Laramie.

The play documents their reactions during the beating, hospitalization and death of Shepard.

"The play is is not about homosexuality at all, but about how these good citizens of Laramie dealt with that," said Dr. Jay Fields, director. "The play is about learning to be tolerant. The play is about acceptance. The play is about dealing with hate crimes."

Despite Fields' claims, some of the actors initially focused on the sexuality of their characters.

"I think everyone, and I as a sophomore, had hang ups about playing homosexuals," said Rachel Mastin, who primarily plays Catherine Connolly.

After the development of her primary character, Mastin said Connolly was no longer a lesbian or straight, but simply a person.

In addition to dealing with characters of varying sexualities, the performers also have to play multiple roles.

There are 62 characters to portray and only 12 actors to portray them. The original production of *The Laramie Project* had even fewer actors.

Because of the emotions involved in the show, Fields decided to perform the play in a round — a setup in which the audience sits in a circle close to the actors in the center.

"I wanted the actors to be able to get in the audience's faces," Fields said.

Fields also decided to have "talk backs" after every show in which audience members have the opportunity to discuss with the crew the show that has just been presented.

After weeks of practice, the actors themselves still get caught up in the emotion of the story.

"We have some tears in that final circle every night," Fields said.

Mastin agreed; it is the emotional and, for her, the sensitive subject matter of the show that drew her toward this play.

"You know how you can't take your eyes off a car crash? It's just one of those plays everyone would want to see," Mastin said.

Fields was unsure of the reaction the play would receive from the community, but he was aware of how it was taken elsewhere.

When the play first began appearing, Fred Phelps, a minister, went to shows around the country with a group of followers touting signs like "God hates fags" while singing "Amazing Grace."

Despite the community's reaction, Fields is sure of one thing.

"When you leave that play, you will see something of yourself in those people," he said.

"You can't not."

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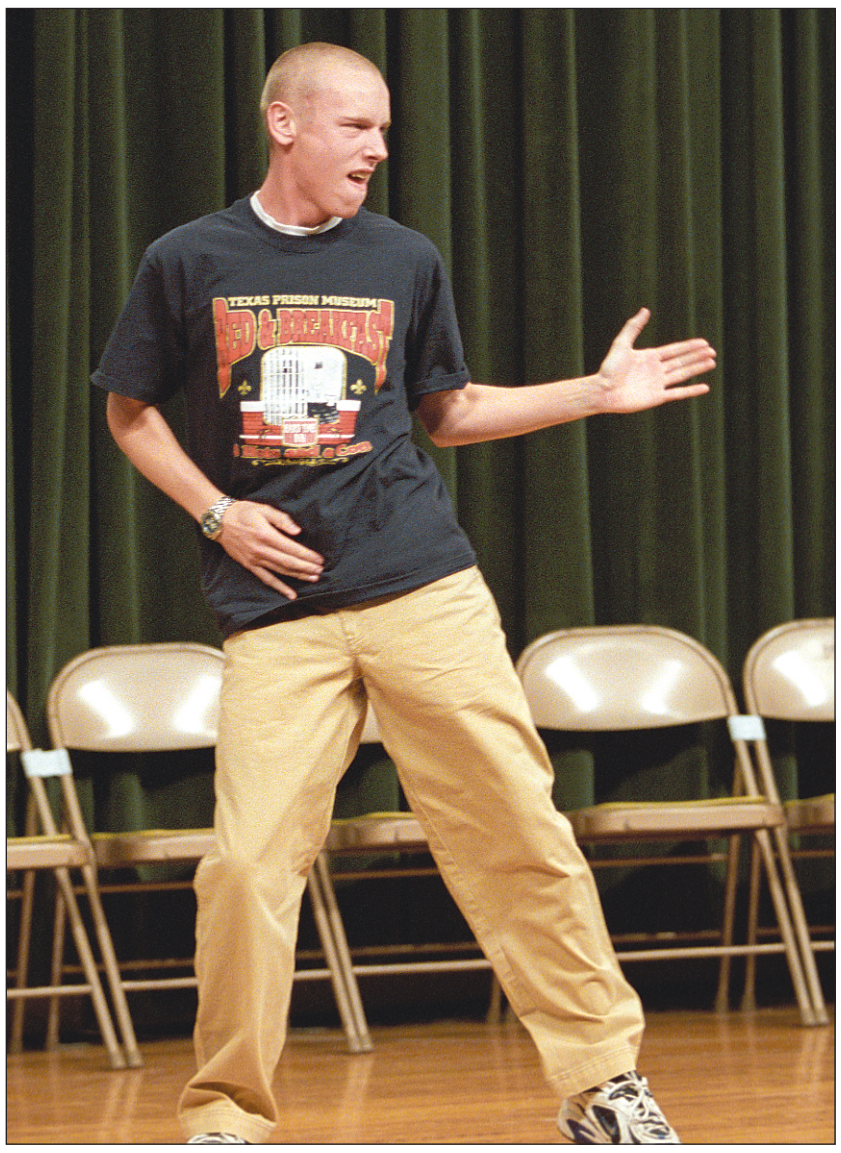
Clockwise from left, Amy-Nicole Hallenburg, Aaron Stockton, Brandon Painter, Drew Fethers, Rachel Mastic, Donald Leffert and Kris Stokes are seven of the 12 people acting in *The Laramie Project*. The play runs through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. It is based upon the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard.



Casey Highland, senior criminal justice major, dances to Michael Jackson during Chuck Milligan's hypnotist show Jan. 15 at Webster Hall Auditorium.

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Hypnotist draws nice turnout during Welcome Back Week

By Hannah Marsh
Staff Writer

The Campus Activities Board sponsored Welcome Back Week to provide students a chance to interact the first week back from the holidays. Activities included giant boxing, giant twister and a performance by a hypnotist.

"In the past there has been no welcome back week for the spring semester," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

Of all the events, the most popular was hypnotist Chuck Milligan, who performed on Jan. 15. Milligan, from San Diego, Calif., has been in this profession for 15 years and performs all over the world, including traveling overseas as entertainment for U.S. military troops.

"Hypnosis is merely that twilight time between awake and asleep," Milligan said.

He said one of the main misconceptions of hypnosis is that he is actually controlling the individual.

"I am merely an instruction giver," Milligan said. "You have to follow the instructions; you have to go there entirely on your own."

Casey Highland, senior criminal justice major, and Stephanie Harter, freshman music major, were two students who volunteered to be hypnotized.

"I didn't think I would be hypnotizable," Harter said.

"I was curious if people were just playing along," Highland said.

Both said the entire time seemed like a dream, and they don't remember everything.

Megan Paule, junior English major, and Tully Lale, sophomore mass communications major, both said they didn't believe the hypnotism was real, but it was entertaining.

Blackford said CAB was pleased with the turnout of about 140 students.

"We were competing with the bad weather and the basketball game against Pittsburg State University," Blackford said.

After viewing a hypnotist performance at a convention, CAB members thought it would be a good idea to bring one to Missouri Southern.

Blackford said Milligan had performed here in the past. After hearing that the performance had gone well, Blackford decided to book Milligan to return.

Even though Welcome Back Week is over, CAB does have other events coming up this semester. These include Valentine's Day treats, poster contests and Spring Fling.

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The hypnotist was the most popular event of the Welcome Back Week events. Read the story for information on the week.

The city comes to Joplin at new club

BY MATT CAUFIELD
Staff Writer

Joplin has a new club and the owners guarantee patrons will have a good time.

"We want people to feel like it's their own club," said part-owner Nanda Sparks, explaining the inspiration behind naming My Club.

Owners Jerry and Nanda Sparks and Howie Baby of KSYN 92.5 opened My Club Dec. 26, 2002. The owners remodeled the entire building that once housed Tarzanz Pizza and Jungle Gym at 2331 E. Seventh St. The club will feature blues and jazz from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. After 8 p.m., hip hop/Top 40 hits will be the music primarily played. Thursday nights are ladies night with special drink prices and no cover charge for the ladies.

It will also feature bands occasionally on Fridays. College night and best booty contest are on Saturdays. A VIP room can be rented for $350. The room has exclusive drink specials when rented. A medley of other events may also be hosted in the future, the owners said.

"The city meets Joplin," Howie Baby said, when explaining what sets My Club apart from other clubs in Joplin.

"People need to come out early to avoid the lines," Nanda Sparks said. "This place is jam packed on the weekends."

The club has an approximate capacity of 370 people.

"Well, it's not as dirty as Club Miami," said Jason Smith, freshman undecided major.

My Club will host the band Jenkins Dirt Jan. 31. It will also be hosting the Big Smith Band Feb. 8. Big Smith Band's music is described as Ozarkian newgrass rock with a hillbilly kick. On evenings when bands play at the club, the price of admission will be higher. My Club has a Web site which features all upcoming events, nightly specials, pictures of the club, dance floor and VIP room.

It will also offer various different types of sound bites on the Web site including an online registration form for renting the VIP room.

Individuals interested can check the Web site at www.myclub.bz.

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The lighted dance floor at My Club is packed to maximum capacity on a Saturday night. The club is located at 2331 E. Seventh St.

Student board takes loss on Valentine gifts

BY JEFF REID
Executive/Online Editor

The students have spoken, and the meeting time for the Campus Activities Board was changed.

But that seems to be all the students wanted to say, as only seven people were in attendance.

"We expected attendance to drop by moving the meeting time, but it's what the students voted for," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

Up for discussion were many new ideas for the spring semester, including Valentine's Day gifts, Battle of the Bands and possible lectures.

For Valentine's Day, CAB will again be selling gift packages, which include a mug, a stuffed animal and candy.

The Board is expected to begin selling the gift sets to students on Feb. 10, and will begin selling to faculty and staff at some point later. While CAB is spending $6.50 per set, it will sell the sets for an even $5.

Students may also see the yearly Battle of the Bands contest take on a different twist. Josh Doak, junior general business major, expressed his concerns.

"I'm a little uncomfortable with it," he said. "I would like to see something more like a talent show."

Several ideas were tossed around, including the possibility of a talent show MC'd by a comedian or other type of celebrity.

The Board also discussed possibly doing something for National Volunteer Week.

"I think it would help us, because everyone has been bashing us," said Lyndse Bergen, sophomore elementary education major. "People see the student activities fee on their bill from the College, and kinda freak out."

Several ideas were discussed regarding the subject, but nothing was firmly decided upon.

The main topic of the meeting, however, was potentially sponsoring a lecture or debate and what the focus could be.

Jason Givens, junior undecided major, summed it up.

"We've got to find something that will draw in a lot of people, and that's hard," he said.

Discussion was focused on mainly three subjects: capital punishment, cloning and the existence of God. The last subject, however, was the most popular.

Instead of a lecture, the idea was to have people on both sides of the issue come and host a debate.

"One thing about that [the lecture] is you're gonna get all kinds," Givens said.

The next meeting is set for 2 p.m. Monday on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center and is open to all students.

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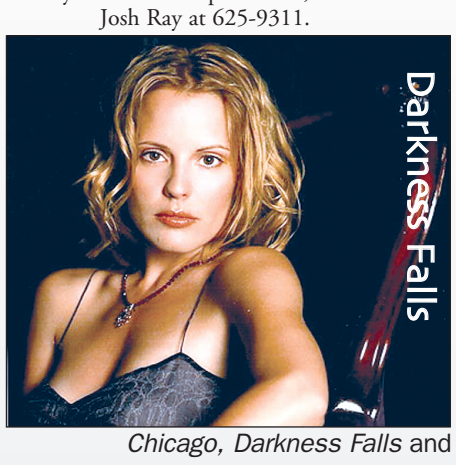

24 *Chicago, Darkness Falls* and *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

25 Lions and Lady Lions basketball play @ Truman. Ladies play at 1:30 p.m., men at 3:30 p.m.

27 CAB meets @ 2 p.m. in the lounge on the second floor of Billingsly Student Center.

KA is having a game night @ 7 to 11:59 in Keystone room of Billingsly

28 LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly 306.

A career workshop will be held @ noon in Billingsly 313.

29 Another career workshop will be held @ noon in Billingsly 313.

Student Senate will meet @ 5:30 p.m. in Billingsly 310.

Lions and Lady Lions basketball will play @ Missouri-Rolla. The women play @ 5:30 p.m. The men play @ 7:30 p.m.

30 Catholic Campus Ministry will meet @ noon in Billingsly 311

LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly 306.

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Saturday: Foma 10 p.m.

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Saturday: Rich Roberts 6:30-9:30 p
Happy Hour 6:30-10 p.

Useless Information

The Volkswagen was originally called th "Strength Through Joy Wagon." (I like tha better than boring ole "Volkswagen")

A human has a bone just after the spine e that helps to prove that humans once had ta (evolution all the way, baby)

The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes. (30 seconds if you're in class)

Cotton candy's original name was "fairy flu (yeah, let's stick with cotton candy)

Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid their unwanted people without killing them would burn their houses down, hence the te "to get fired." (I like their way better)

Thomas Edison got patents for a method making concrete furniture and a cigar whic was supposed to burn forever. (It's a wond the guy could invent a light bulb)

It snows more in the Grand Canyon than does in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (that's wh I'm going skiing then)

The driest place on earth is a series of valleys near Ross Island in Antarctica whe for the past 2 million years, no rain has fall

The yo-yo was originally a weapon in th Phillippines (haha... I am the master of th yo-yo... fear me...)

The distance between cities is actually th distances between city halls. (so what happ in those little towns without city halls?)

America once had a five cent bill.

NOTE: All information for this section tak from http://come.to/phil
So gripe to them, not me!

Store stays open despite burst pipes

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

Disaster sometimes strikes at the worst possible time and when least expected. This was the case for one Joplin retail store.

Employees of the J.C. Penney store located in the Northpark Mall were surprised to hear their store had suffered extreme damage from burst water pipes. Not only one, but two water pipes burst, at two different times, leaving mall maintenance and security working extra hard to clean up the damage.

The first water pipe was located above the children's department and burst two weeks before Christmas. While fixing the problem, maintenance discovered the pipe was old and corroded, which caused the material inside to leak out and eventually led the pipe to burst.

The second pipe was the main water pipe in the store, located above the lingerie department. The joint on this pipe broke. While maintenance crews where trying to fix it, the joint broke a second time.

"Maintenance and security worked hard to clean up the damage so we did not have to close our store," said Bill Ackelmire, store manager.

A lot of merchandise and a few ceiling tiles located in these departments were the extent of the damages.

"Six racks of clothing and an entire wall of merchandise were the main problems we had in this department," said Jessica Peterson, floor associate. "This department was not really that bad. The other departments received more damage when the main pipe of the store burst."

Sales associates said many of the customers in the store at the time the pipe burst were already asking if the merchandise would go on sale.

To the customers' disappointment, that didn't happen because the store had to return all of the damaged merchandise in order to receive a full refund.

Ackelmire believes the store has solved the problem and will not need to worry about flooding in the future.

Signal phase adapts drivers to city lights

BY T.J. GERLACH
City Editor

Some area traffic signals now use an "all-red" phase to adjust out-of-towners to the signals used throughout Joplin.

"An all-red phase is basically putting red lights up on every approach to an intersection in order to allow the intersection to clear of vehicles that may still be moving through or that didn't stop at the yellow," said Rob Smith, a civil engineer for Joplin.

The five lights in place — two on Schifferdecker, two on Maiden Lane and one at 32nd Street and McClelland Boulevard — have been in use since 2001 when the city adopted a policy to use the phase on all lights near the city limits.

Since then, no more lights have been added, but the city's engineering department plans to add three more lights with all-red phases, one of those would be on Duquesne Road.

Sgt. Kevin Klink, who oversees the traffic desk of the Joplin Police Department, believes signals using an all-red phase are a good idea.

"That was one of the things that I was going to propose whenever I took over the traffic division," Klink said. "The way we see it, [having all-red lights] allows those stragglers to make it through the intersection before the light [in the other direction] goes green. Apparently the driver facing a light that changes to green starts to pull out immediately. The problem is you've got those people that try to force a yellow light or even actually try to violate the red light."

Klink said 2,478 accidents occurred in Joplin in 2002. Of those, 203 were the result of someone not clearing a yellow or violating a red light.

Smith said the lights in place "appear to be working fairly well," but three years of statistics are needed to accurately show the effectiveness of the signals.

There is no difference in the equipment used. The only difference in the lighting systems is a setting in a computer. Thus, cost is not a concern for the city.

"The cost is the amount of time," Smith said. "The phase cuts in to the time of moving vehicles."

He also said this is the reason the lights are not used closer to the downtown area. The all-red phase expands the amount of time necessary to move traffic along.

"It would be a good idea [to put all-red signals at more intersections around the city]," Klink said, "And when you think of impeding traffic, one-and-a-half to two seconds is nothing."

THE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Lacey Weatherford, waitress, and Twyla Peery, manager, work in the Big R's Bar-B-Q booth at the 11th annual Business Expo. More than 150 booths were set up by businesses from around the four-states. The Expo was held on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Hammons Center. Visitors were treated with glimpses at the latest in area products and services.

'Chamber Chat' informs public on local programs, services

BY MISSY MORGAN
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern is helping to educate the community about the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Chamber Chat" is a joint effort between Southern's television station, KGCS, and the Chamber.

The half-hour long, quarterly program airs the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. and in various other "floater spots" for a minimum of six times every quarter on channel 57.

Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS, said the goal of the program is to educate the community about the function of the Chamber.

"They do a wide variety of things and this allows us to let the community know a little bit about what the Chamber does," Stiles said.

Stiles thinks "Chamber Chat" allows the College to go beyond the role of simply educating the students, to giving something back to the community.

"One of the things we want to do and always have done is serve beyond the campus community to the community at large as much as possible," she said.

Kim Lester, Chamber director of operations, echoes Stiles in the Chamber's view of the program's goals.

"Our goal was to promote a better awareness of who your Chamber is and what we do," Lester said. "Our members know who we are, but, a lot of the time, the general public has no idea what a chamber of commerce does."

The Chamber wants to educate its members as well as the public on the value of the Chamber.

"Our purpose in this is two fold — to help the public understand what the Chamber of Commerce is and what they can call on us for, and remind our members of all of the services, value and benefits of their Chamber membership," Lester said.

"Chamber Chat" first aired in January 2001 as part of the continued wave of government educational programs, including "Inside Joplin" and Joplin R-8's broadcast.

"Chamber Chat" is usually hosted by either Lester or Rob O'Brian, Chamber president. The show is recorded in Southern's television studio located on the first floor of Webster Hall.

The half-hour program is usually broken into two segments with a short break in between.

It is set up in an interview format with a host and two to four guest speakers.

The topics for discussion are selected by the Chamber as three or four new topics of interest or concern affecting the Joplin community.

"We like to try and cover every area of concern during the shows, like economic development, education, community beautification and small business resources," Lester said.

One of the quarter's shows focused half of the time on the Chamber's Trek Program, which sends volunteers to help tutor children in reading, and half of the time on its Adopt-a-Park Program.

The Chamber is reaching out to the community, and Southern is glad to be of service.

"It's a teamwork effort, and we're glad the Chamber is part of the team," Stiles said.

"Our goal was to promote a better awareness of who your Chamber is and what we do. Our members know who we are, but, a lot of the time, the general public has no idea what a chamber of commerce does."

Kim Lester
Chamber Director of Operations

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Individual imitates bank official in scam

The Joplin Police Department reports that some Joplin citizens have received telephone calls from a male individual posing as a security employee for area banks. The individual tells people their bank accounts are being depleted, and he needs to verify the account number.

Police ask anyone receiving a call such as this to hang up the phone, wait about 10 seconds, then pick up the telephone and dial *57 to trace the call. This will allow the police department to follow up on the call. After tracing the call, the police should be notified.

Annual Heart Fair invites special guest

St. John's Regional Medical Center will host its 16th annual Heart Fair from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center. Admission is free to the public.

Heart-healthy seminars are planned throughout the day, and educational booths will be set up. The highlight of the day will be the 12:30 p.m. seminar with Robert Sweetgall, "America's pied-piper of walking."

For information and a list of scheduled speakers, consult the St. John's Web site at www.stj.com/heart.

Blood supplies low, CBCO needs donors

A code yellow alert has been issued by the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks. Officials said inventories of all blood types are low throughout the country.

Donations are being sought to help replenish blood supplies.

The Joplin Donor Center, 2639 E. 32 St., takes donations from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursdays.

The CBCO supplies blood to hospitals in Joplin and Springfield. To find out about blood drives in the area, call the Center at 626-8323, or toll free at 866-401-5143, or check its Web site, www.cbco.org.

National groups give grant to partnership

SAFE KIDS Jasper/Newton Counties, in partnership with Freeman Sports Medicine, received a $1,000 grant from the National SAFE KIDS Campaign and the National Athletic Trainer's Association.

The grant comes from the campaign's and NATA's efforts to promote the prevention of injuries in sports.

Freeman will begin a program to educate area middle school athletic coaches on sports injury prevention and treatment.

Information on the program will be released next month.

Local group plans casino night, auction

The annual Boys & Girls Club of 2003 Century Club Casino Night will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Boys & Girls Club at Third Street and Comingo.

A $100 contribution entitles participants to enter to win a new vehicle, or $7,500, casino-style entertainment, and both silent and oral auctions.

To make a contribution contact Al Cade, 625-4426; Lee Elliff-Pound, 625-9355; or Susan Craig, 625-9828.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Missouri ranks 10th most overweight state

It seems Missourians are among the most unhealthy.

A recent article published in the *Columbia Missourian*, said Missouri ranks the 10th most overweight state in the country. It said a state study came to the conclusion that one-quarter of Missouri residents between the ages of 9 and 18 are overweight and that diet and lack of exercise were two prominent causes.

The article quoted facts from the National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting analysis of Missouri Department of Health and Senior death certificate data.

It said the average life expectancy for Missourians is 65 years, and that bad health, due mainly to bad choices, is the cause of many deaths.

State law officials among most unsafe

Missouri law enforcement officers have as dangerous a job as many.

Last year, six Missouri officers were killed in the line of duty, leaving the state tied with New York which is also home to six times as many officers. Both Missouri and New York tied at fifth place for number of officers killed.

The national number of deaths dropped last year to 147 from 230 in 2001.

For Missouri, this was not the case. The state stayed consistent in the number of deaths, having six die in both 2001 and 2002.

There doesn't seem to be an overbearing cause to the amount of accidents just a mixed bag of car crashes, shootings, jail disruptions, accidents and officers becoming victim to drunk drivers.

Legislators reject Senate pay increase

Senators recently passed a resolution to block a proposed pay raise for themselves that would have potentially increased pay by 11.6 percent.

The higher salaries were recommended by a commission that was appointed to review top lawmakers' salaries every two years.

The way the law works is that the pay increases go into effect unless the House or the Senate make a resolution to reject the recommendation by Feb. 1.

Other officials affected by the resolution include the governor, treasurer and all state judges.

Governor proposes cigarette tax, again

Gov. Bob Holden addressed the General Assembly Jan. 15 during the annual State of the State Address.

In between comments and proposals of tax increases and budget cuts, Holden asked legislatures to back a proposal for a 55 cent tax increase on cigarettes.

He said the new tax would bring in $279 million for the next fiscal year.

Voters were asked the same question November 2002 when Proposition A was put on the ballot.

The proposition failed by 29,125 votes out of 1.78 million who voted.

The state turned down the 55 cent tax, that was then said to raise $342 million.

Ideas, goals set for new session

Local legislatures set high standards to reach goals for state colleges

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Members of the 92nd General Assembly will not only be remembered because of who they are and what they achieve, but also because they are part of one of the largest legislative turnovers in history.

On Jan. 8, 12 new senators and 90 new House members were sworn into office, leaving the House with a republican majority.

Marilyn Ruestman
State Representative

Despite all the changes that are being made, it seems the legislatures haven't forgotten what they came to Jefferson City to do. Area representatives and senators are equipped with goals in mind and bills in hand, ready to achieve what they believe is in the best interest of the citizens they represent.

Gary Nodler, senator for the 32nd District, said his goals in relation to higher education are to "find ways to utilize the state's resources more effectively and to encourage collaboration and cooperation."

He said he not only would like to see cooperation between Missouri Southern and other universities, but also with Crowder College.

Besides legislation she has on her agenda, Marilyn Ruestman, state representative for the 131st District, said her No. 1 goal is to learn.

"I plan to read a lot and learn a lot," Ruestman said.

Gov. Bob Holden presented the State of the State Address Jan.15 to members of the General Assembly. In between comments about tax increases and budget cuts, he spoke of higher education and its direct effect on the Missouri economy.

"Support for our universities is an investment in the jobs of the future," Holden said. "And that is why I urge all businesses and corporations in this state to strengthen their commitment to higher education."

He said he is taking two steps to help tighten the connection between those separate entities. He has appointed a commission on the Future of Higher Education, which will make recommendations on how to strengthen the link between businesses and schools. The new commission will also find ways to improve higher education across the state, as well as coming up with new funding sources for the colleges and universities.

"By these two steps, we can better direct and connect higher education and the economy," Holden said.

"We must make our colleges, universities and technical schools the engines that fuel our economy of the future."

Although talk of higher education seemed breezy and light at first, Holden went on to warn legislators that without action to approve the tobacco settlement, "deep cuts in education and other vital services will be necessary."

Ruestman said both the cigarette and gambling tax make her a little uneasy.

"I think gambling and tobacco are a poor foundation for funding your government," she said.

"We'll try to prevent any 'deep cuts' (in higher education).

"Everyone in the Southwest Missouri Caucus is very education-oriented, so I think we'll at least try to hold [the budget] where it's at."

"Support for our universities is an investment in the jobs of the future. And that is why I urge all businesses and corporations in this state to strengthen their commitments to higher education."

Bob Holden
Governor

Governor leads Missourians

- Governor Bob Holden
- Born in Kansas City Aug. 24, 1949
- Graduated from Southwest Missouri State University in 1973 with a degree in political science
- Attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University
- Received an honorary doctorate from Lincoln University
- Married wife Lori Hauser Holden December 1983
- Two sons, Robert Lee III and John D.
- The Holden family is a member of the Community Christian Church in Jefferson City
- Elected Nov. 7, 2000; term expires January 2005

Area legislatures work together to promote higher education

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Local legislators have filed several bills that, if passed, will affect what Missouri Southern is called, as well as the programs it can offer.

Gary Nodler
State Senator

The university status of Southern is once again on the drawing boards, and Joplin area members of the General Assembly seem to believe the change is near.

Gary Nodler, state senator for the 32nd District and Southern alumnus, agrees.

"I think that the time has come for that change to occur and the political environment is right here for that to happen," he said.

Nodler said he believes it's important for the College to be recognized as a university because of its close proximity to Pittsburg State University.

"I believe it's critical to the Missouri Higher Education System for Missouri Southern to be positioned to be a successful competitor against that worthy institution," he said.

"We need to be able to have the same sort of advanced degree offerings that can be obtained there, so we can provide a true university experience for our students."

One argument against giving Southern the title of university is that it doesn't offer graduate degrees.

Nodler said right now, the Southern campus hosts students who are seeking master's degrees from other institutions.

He and other local legislators are working together to get a bill passed that would "formalize agreements between those institutions which offer advanced degrees and those campuses that host them."

Nodler said when a master's degree is issued, it would bear the name of both institutions involved. This would also help in marketing the College, because the Southern catalog would be able to include a list of master's degrees, which might make the institution more desirable to some students who wish to further their studies.

"Where Missouri Southern staff, faculty and classrooms are being used to provide this education, it's important for Missouri Southern to also be a part of the diploma granting process," he said.

"I think it's a very creative solution because it allows advanced degrees to be offered on campus without additional costs to the state."

"I am extremely confident we're going to get it passed this year," said Bryan P. Stevenson, state representative for the 128th District.

"I am proud to have Missouri Southern sit in my district."

"We need to be able to have the same sort of advanced degree offerings that can be obtained there, so we can provide a true university experience for our students."

Gary Nodler
State Senator

The Chart: Your link to Jefferson City every Friday.

Stories on funding for higher education and profiles on local representatives as well as top state officials

Director of nursing earns Spanish degree

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

After 10 years of dedication, Dr. Barbara Box, director and professor of the department of nursing, received her a bachelor of arts in Spanish last semester.

Box has had schedule conflicts between her teaching schedule and the Spanish classes she needed to take in order to receive her degree. She said she averaged one Spanish class per semester.

Dr. Pedro Talavera, professor of Spanish, acted as her adviser.

"This is remarkable," Talavera said. "This is a testimony to the intellectual abilities of Dr. Box."

Box said she had some late nights studying with workbooks and audio tapes.

"We had to keep in step or we wouldn't have made it," Box said.

Talavera was impressed with Box's dedication.

"She has everything; the stamina, the discipline," Talavera said. "She did most of the things (scheduling) herself. She is a very busy person, yet she was able to succeed."

Box said her fellow faculty members were happy she accomplished what she had set out to do a decade ago.

Her adviser enjoyed seeing her graduate as well.

"This is a great story," Talavera said, "a best that Missouri Southern has to offer."

Box has seen use for her new degree in her work. When she first arrived at Southern, she noticed a steady increase in the Hispanic population.

"In nursing, I think Spanish should be a second language," Box said.

She said nurses should be able to communicate with the Spanish-speaking patients just as the nurses communicate with their English-speaking patients.

One of her former Spanish instructors agrees.

"It (speaking Spanish) would be very practical," said Dr. Joaquin Suro, assistant professor of Spanish. "They will always have some Spanish-speaking patients, and they may not always have a translator."

Suro said the use of Spanish by Box and the nursing students she teaches shows Spanish-speaking patients that the nurses care enough to make them feel comfortable while trying to communicate.

Box has also seen a need for Spanish in her travels. She has traveled to the East and West coasts where she saw many more billboards written in Spanish than she saw here. She has also participated in the study abroad programs at Southern.

"It's been marvelous," Box said. "I've been taught by faculty in many countries."

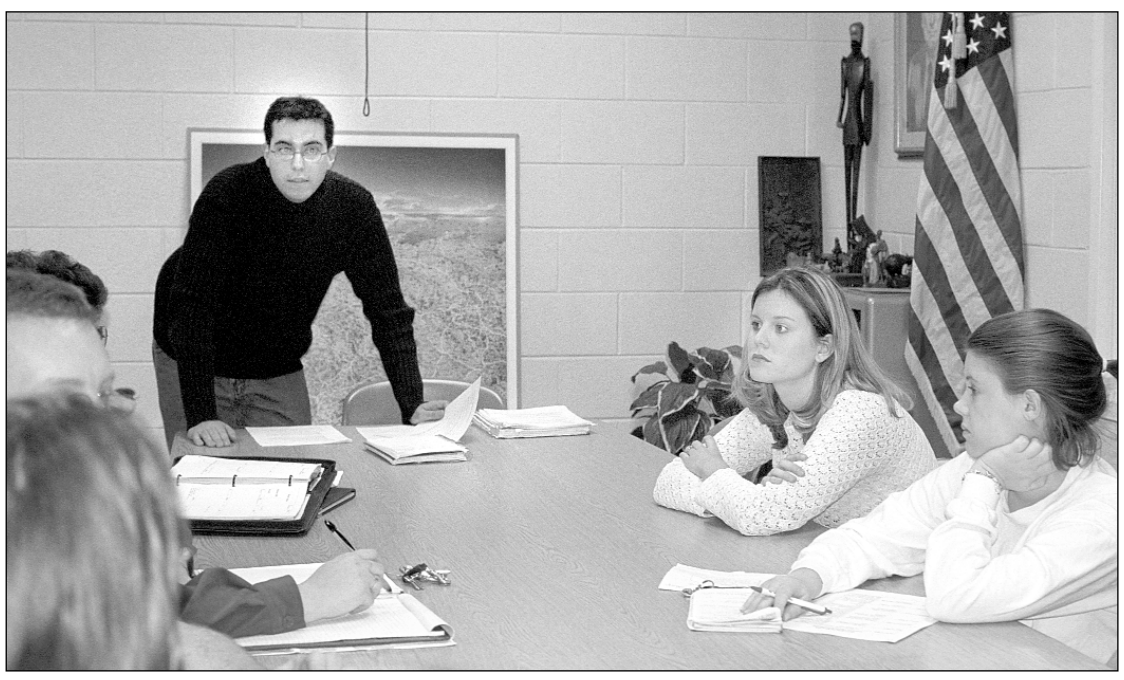
Box has been to Puerto Rico several times for conventions and seminars.Other professors have been inspired by Box's desire to learn.

"I'm thinking of doing something in computers because of her inspiration," Talavera said. "No matter how busy you are, you can make time to pursue other interests."

Box encourages all of her nursing students to think about taking Spanish classes.

Izumi Sogo/The Chart

Dr. Barbara Box, director of the department of nursing, recently earned a degree in Spanish. She believes knowing Spanish is valuable in her profession and encourages her students to learn it.



Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Jonathan BeVille, president of the Public Relations Society of America at Missouri Southern, leads discussion during a meeting Jan. 21. The group got its start this semester.

Public relations organization forms on Southern's campus

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

Public relations majors and students with an interest in the field may have something to look forward to this semester.

The Public Relations Student Society of America is coming to Missouri Southern thanks to the determination of two students.

Jonathan BeVille, junior public relations major, was in search of a society for public relations majors. His search began online, and the PRSSA Web site interested him.

"I asked Dr. (J.R.) Moorman (communications department head) what he thought of the idea, gave him some information, and he set me up with [Brenda] Kilby," BeVille said.

"It has been attempted twice before, but both times failed, mainly due to lack of funds."

BeVille and Tera Cadwell, junior public relations and Spanish majors, began their quest to gather sufficient funds to support their proposed organization.

Faculty in the communications department donated funds that would help get the club started.

"We began with a mere budget of $12," BeVille said.

In search of funding, BeVille and Cadwell went to area businesses asking for donations to fund their organization.

After venturing to area businesses such as Empire Electric and *The Joplin Globe*, the two raised enough money to apply for and begin the organization.

With all the necessary action taken, BeVille assumed the role of president, and Cadwell became vice president.

Kilby, communications instructor, will be the faculty adviser, and Rod Surber, director of public information, is the professional adviser.

"It's very much driven by the students," Surber said. "Jon has worked hard to get it going."

The PRSSA's first meeting was Jan. 14.

The group plans to meet at 2:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in the the communications department conference room.

Anyone interested may contact Surber in the Billingsly Student Center, Room 114; Kilby in Webster Hall, Room 336; or BeVille at beville-j-846@mail.mssc.edu.

RUMOR:

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University of Missouri.

"It's not helpful to name institutions," León said. "It makes matters worse."

The story in the *Tribune* reported Graham said the size and missions of Southern and MWSC placed them on the fringes of the state's higher-education system, and that the institutions would therefore be the most viable targets for reducing what the state spends on higher education.

Mike Stevenson, sophomore speech communications major, heard the rumor that was quick to fill the campus.

"I heard a representative say that two schools were unnecessary," Stevenson said, "and one of them was Missouri Southern."

Having employees and students talk about the rumor was frustrating for León. It was the last thing he wanted during the first week of classes.

"He should have not said that," León said "It's not appreciated."

Facing one of the most complicated financial crisis in the College's history, León said even though the state is dealing with a possible $1 billion education cut, he wants to make one thing clear to employees, students, parents and everyone throughout the state.

"This College will not close," he said. "The institution will never close."

State News Editor Ginia Fairchild contributed to this story.

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Caleb Dorf of Joplin was one of the many local children who came to see the Harlem Globe Trotters play at the Leggett & Platt Center Jan. 12. "Globie" is the team's mascot.

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León also reported that bills to change the College's name and to offer graduate programs, either alone or in conjunction with another institution, have been filed.

"It appears as if the name change and graduate program have a good chance of passing in the legislature," León said.

Dr. Paul Teverow, faculty liaison, said the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates will meet Feb. 3-4.

Zack Odem, student representative, reported that the street name signs for the campus have been completed.

"Hopefully we can get those put up in conjunction with the pedestrian safety project," he said.

Odem also announced this would be his last meeting as the student representative, and introduced Stacy Allen, Student Senate secretary, as the new representative.

Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs, informed the Board of faculty news. Four instructors — Dr. John Knapp, professor geophysics; Dr. Linda Hand, professor of mathematics; Val Christensen, associate professor of art; and Dr. Pedro Talavera, associate professor of communications — have all proposed taking sabbaticals for the 2003-2004 year. Robert Miller, professor of business, and Dr. Steven Roark, associate professor of business, are retiring, while Allen Burch, associate professor of communications, is resigning.

RESIGNATION:

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kept ample office hours.

"I'm getting my 10 hours in easily because I come in at six in the morning and don't leave until six at night, usually," he said.

"Those are two reasons Coach Faubion chose to share with the public," Beard said. "I'm not at liberty to discuss any personnel issues. What I can say is there was no inappropriate activity. Those are rumors, and there is no truth to the things being said."

Faubion said the rumors that he had relationships with some of his players hurt worse than actually being asked to leave Southern.

"He had very, very good morals," said Lindsey Long, junior third baseman. "He was like a grandpa to us."

In a previous meeting Sept. 3, Beard warned Faubion that he needed to keep better, more productive office hours. Other than this meeting, Faubion said he had no indication there were problems between himself and the athletic administration.

"I was shocked," he said. "I had no idea anything was in the planning."

In order for the College to buy out his remaining contract, Faubion had to give his resignation by Dec. 2. His full salary for 2002-2003 is $49,378. The College had to pay Faubion $28,803.36 to fulfill his contract for the months of January through July.

Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, made the decision to pay Faubion the rest of his contract when 2002 ended so he would not have to pay taxes on his entire salary for that year. Faubion said he appreciated Agee for doing so.

Following Faubion's resignation, Beard met with the softball players to offer them the option of release from the team if they wanted. Five players — Monica Thomason, first baseman; Debbie Crockett, outfielder; Kallie Jo Jones, catcher; Kristie Marshall, pitcher; and Tiffany Rothell, second baseman — made the decision to leave Southern.

"I thought the way this whole situation was handled was wrong and unfair," Thomason said.

She said Beard and Faubion had conflicting personalities.

"She wanted people in there who would do what she said," Thomason said. "Coach Faubion isn't like that. He's not going to change his ways because he knows they work. Sallie didn't like that, so she got rid of him."

She said each player that left felt the reasons Faubion was dismissed were unfair.

"They didn't want to be in a program that was corrupt," she said.

Long opted to stay on the team, although she agrees the way the situation was handled was wrong.

"It's really scary to think you could be doing great as an employee at Southern and still get fired," she said.

Long, however, did not notice any personality conflicts.

"He was the type of guy that didn't have a problem with anyone," she said.

Jennifer Jimerson, assistant coach, was named interim head coach.

"I'm excited," she said. "It's my personal career goal to be a head coach at a collegiate school, and I always would have loved to come back to my alma mater and be the head coach, so this is sort of a dream come true for me. It's just unfortunate the circumstances that it happened. But I'm going to roll with the punches, do the best I can, and take care of the kids."

Jimerson was hired by Faubion as assistant coach in 2000. She had previously played softball for Southern under former head coach Pat Lipira from 1995-1998. She served as a student assistant in 1999.

Although the team lost five players, Jimerson added four to the roster. Thirteen players will be eligible to play this spring. Jimerson said anyone on campus who has played softball and has an interest in joining the team may contact her.

Faubion has already received another job coaching at a college in Kingsville, Texas.

"I'm going to miss Missouri Southern," he said. "I appreciate the opportunity I've been given the past two-and-a-half years. We had a great time. I thought I was doing what was expected of me. I think I coached the kids successfully individually, athletically and academically."

CUBA:

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"It is a beautiful country," she said "The people were amazing.

"I didn't meet one person who wouldn't give their left arm to come to America."

Southern sends approximately 7 percent of students abroad every year, which makes up about 28 percent of a graduating class, Stebbins said. However, there are a substantial number of students who can't travel abroad because of family or work responsibilities, so the theme semesters are a way of bringing the world to them.

Throughout the spring and summer, Stebbins will be scheduling events and speakers to come to campus. Possible events may include Cuban music and dancing. One event lined up for Sept. 4 and 5 is a lecture by Milton Jamail, author of *Full Count: Inside Cuban Baseball.*

"We try to achieve a blend between guest speakers and cultural events," he said.

"We want students to experience Cuba as best they can on the Missouri Southern campus."

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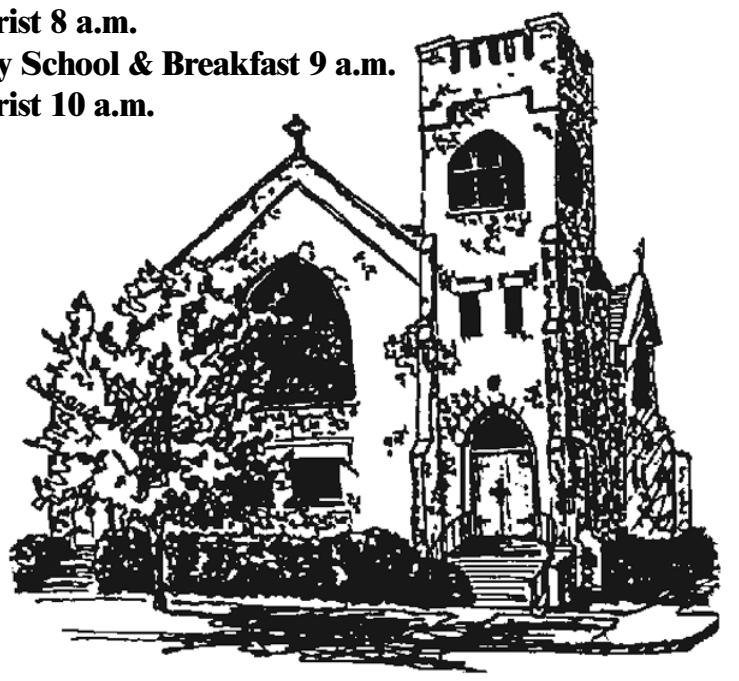

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CUBA: La Lucha

Propoganda supporting the 44-year-old revolution is spread throughout the deteriorating city of Havana.

Missouri Southern alumni, friends, students, professors experience Cuba

By Andy Tevis
Director of Photography

A group of 25 Missouri Southern alumni, students and friends spent their New Year's Eve in a country that has been closed to Americans for more than 40 years.

The trip to Cuba was created for Southern alumni, many of whom attended the College before 1996 when the international mission was established. The eight-day trip, from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4, was the first international adventure organized by the Alumni Association.

Southern obtained a travel license from the State Department allowing the College to run educational visits to Cuba. After a successful trip to the country in March 2002 with a group of students, Dr. David Locher, associate professor of sociology, and Dr. Larry Cebula, associate professor of history, returned to help guide the alumni trip.

For most of the trip, the group stayed in Cuba's capital city, Havana. During their stay, members explored the city, visited museums, monuments, the beach and spent New Year's Eve at the Tropicana nightclub. The group ventured out of the city for a few days to Viñales, a small town in the eastern province of Pinar del Río.

Many of the travelers had unique experiences in Cuba.

"I looked forward to spending New Year's Eve in the Tropicana, which was great," said Michelle Yipe, senior history major. "How many people have spent New Year's Eve at the Tropicana and seen a show like that?"

Cebula said the night at the Tropicana was a highlight of the trip. Another memorable experience for Cebula was visiting the home of a Cuban he and Locher met.

"The conditions these people lived in were so shocking," Cebula said. "There were at least six people living in this horrible little room; the boy was rail thin. That sight sort of stuck with me the rest of the trip."

Johanna Page of Sagamore Hills, Ohio, said she enjoyed spending a day driving around the city with a taxi driver and getting to understand his situation.

"He could get a job as a pharmacist, but he chose to be a taxi driver," Page said.

In Cuba, a doctor typically makes $25 a month, while someone working in the tourism industry can make that in a day.

Jack Brannan, a 1954 graduate of Joplin Junior College and former sports editor of *The Chart*, said he enjoyed getting acquainted with Cubans and their way of life.

"Seeing *la lucha* (the struggle) and the revolution as the dominant way of life," Brannan said.

"I have a much greater appreciation for the people of Cuba, their culture and their city, Havana, than I ever had before.

"I have a greater understanding of what brought about the situation (in Cuba). Havana is a great proof of the failure of socialism and its practice."

"The conditions these people lived in were so shocking."

– Dr. Larry Cebula
Associate Professor of History

Brannan was in Washington, D.C., working for United Press International after the revolution began to take place in Cuba. He interviewed Castro's sister, Juana Castro, in 1964.

Albert Grabow, traveling with his wife Mary, who is a Missouri Southern alumna, had a different perspective of Cuba. He was there during the revolution in 1958 and 1959.

Grabow said the highlight of his trip was to see Havana and how it's changed in 44 years.

During New Year's Day 1959, the anniversary of the revolution, Grabow was a college freshman visiting Cuba. He was scheduled to leave the country Jan. 3, 1959, but his return flight home was delayed a week because of the revolution.

"They shut the airport down because they were trying to arrest the Batista supporters, so no one got in or out," Grabow said.

Grabow can remember when he saw some of the revolutionaries first coming into town.

"There were six young guys with long scraggly beards driving in an old Chevy, looking up at the big buildings with a machine gun pointing out the back window [of their car]," he said.

"Everything is almost the same except 44 years of decay. The countryside is the same, but Havana is worse. It's surprising how little the economic revolution has accomplished."

"I enjoyed myself immensely," Yipe said in the airport while awaiting for the plane to depart to Miami. "If I ever have another chance to go abroad, I'd go to Cuba.

"Just seeing the whole culture mix, it was so neat. I just loved it. I want to come back and see all the places I missed.

"I've always wanted to travel. I was thinking they were a little more backward than they are; they're catching up fast. The only thing I will not miss about Cuba are the toilets without seats."

The trip was organized by Lee Pound, alumni director, with help from Cebula and Locher. The alumni office sent out surveys to the Cuba travelers in an effort to collect feedback that will help when organizing future trips. During the February Alumni Board meeting, members will go over the survey responses and begin planning the next alumni trip. The destination and date have not been decided for any future trips.

Although most Cubans are relativly poor, they still manage to have a good time. Salsa music, fiestas, laughter, and dancing are common sights and sounds in the city.